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THE 'EPIC CHILDHOOD' GUYS EXPLAIN THE BACKYARD WRESTLING VIDEO

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A couple days ago we introduced you to Danny Philippou of Adelaide, South Australia, who compiled a bunch of VHS footage from his "Epic Childhood" of fights (and insanely dangerous stunts) with his friends and brother:



It's been viewed 120,000 times in two days, but it's not Philippou's first YouTube success. Now 21 years old, he's the creative mind behind The RackaRacka, an Aussie film team -- featuring many of the grown-up "Epic Childhood" crew -- who combine martial arts, special effects and sick-as-hell NSFW comedy into massively viral online videos. We reached out by email to learn more about his lifelong talent for creating and recording mayhem.

WARNING: The below videos are NSFW due to violence and language.

The top question on Reddit was, "Were there adults within a five mile radius of them ever?" So, did your parents know about any of this?

Everyone's parents knew we had a ring in the backyard and that we were wrestling on the weekends. They all thought it was just 12-year-old boys being cute...little did they know!

My dad works six days a week and would never get home until after 6 p.m. That left us

What's the worst injury any of you suffered?

We were pretty lucky to escape with just cuts and bruises, but with that being said, my brother did break an arm at one point, another friend broke a collarbone and another needed stitches -- sounds bad, but after the 90 episodes we filmed, I'd say that's a pretty good casualty list. That video only shows our activities between the ages of 11 and 12. We continued wrestling from 13 through 16. I've got much more shocking footage than the stuff shown in that video, let me tell you!

(We asked Danny's brother Michael for his bone-shattering story: "I was up on a ladder and a friend was thrown into it. I didn't see him coming and the ladder was pushed from under me. I was falling headfirst but managed to put my arm up just in time and I fell on that.")

Were you roughhousing like this every day, or was it just an occasional thing?

Well, we beat the s--t out of each other every day...still do.



We had a taped PCW [Pro Championship Wrestling Australia] event every Saturday. During the week we would get together and practice our matches. Outside of wrestling,